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Grace and Truth

THE PRESENT & FUTURE OF THE CHURCH Pt. 2

I. The Key to Understanding the Book of "Revelation"

A. The PROLOGUE of the Book of Revelation. (1:1-8)

B. The PERSON of the Book of Revelation. (1:9-18)

C. The PARTICULAR OUTLINE of the Book of Revelation. (1:19-20)

II. The PRESENT STATUS of the CHURCH. (Revelation 2-3)

III. The FUTURE of the CHURCH.

A. In the future, the CHURCH on EARTH will be…

1. _____. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-16)

- Which part of a person does resurrection involve—the soul or the body?

  1) Believers who have _____ will have their bodies _____.

  2) Believers who are still living will have their bodies _____.

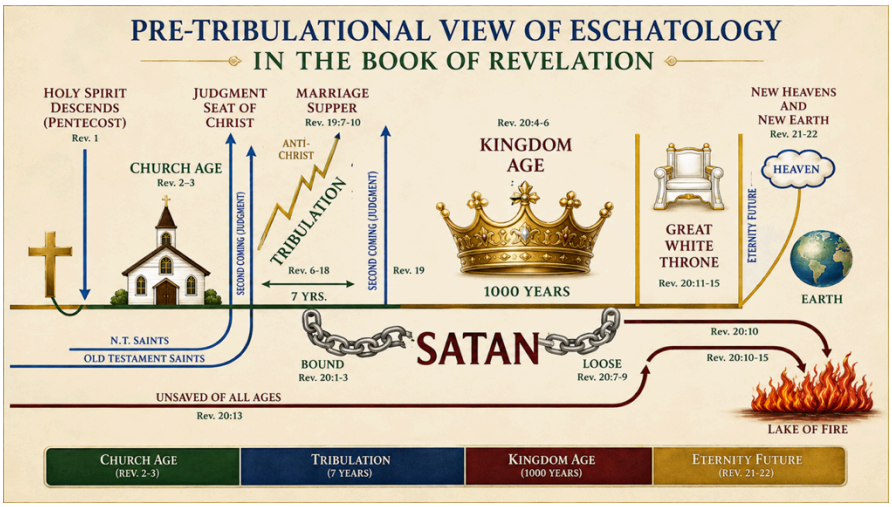
2. _____. (1 Thessalonians 4:17-18)

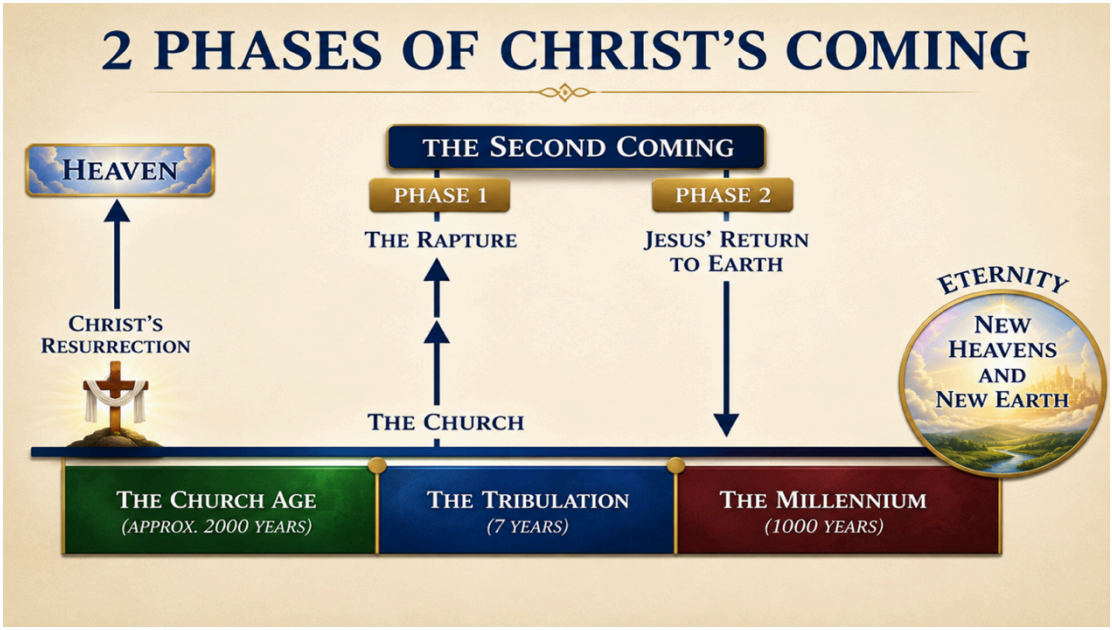
- What does "caught up" mean?

  - "Caught up" translates the Greek verb *harpazō*, meaning to _____ or _____ away. This catching up of believers to meet the Lord in the air is called the _____.

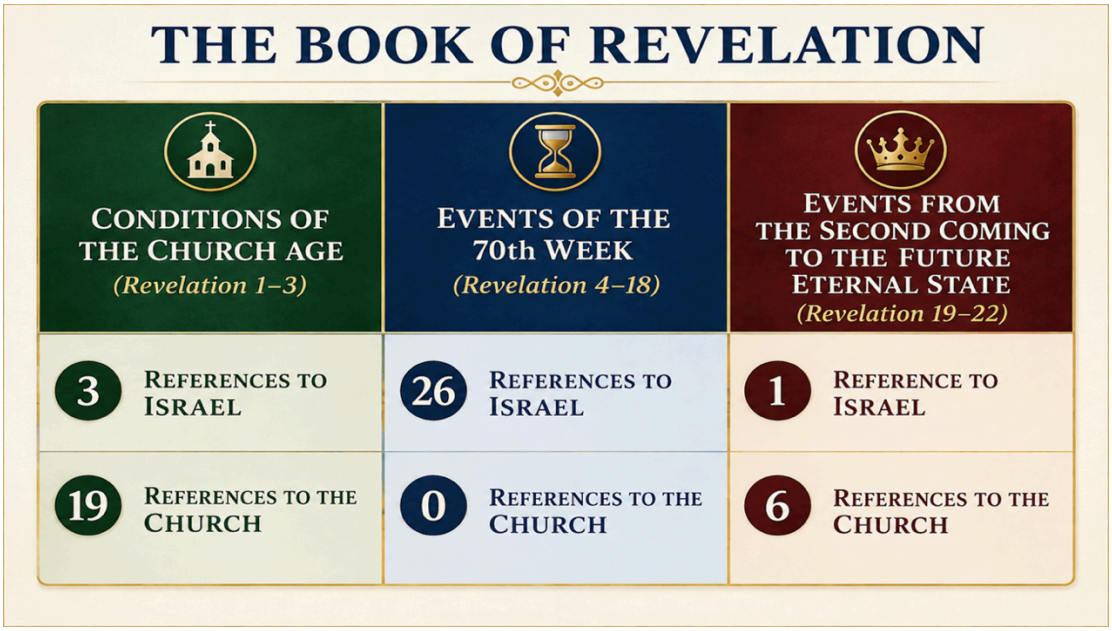
- When does the Rapture of the Church occur in God's prophetic program?

  - We believe that the _____ view is supported by Scripture.





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- Could this all happen today?
    - Christ could come for His Church at any _____.

B. In the future, the CHURCH in HEAVEN will be…

1. _____ by Christ and _____ accordingly. (1 Corinthians 3:5-15)

- What does verse 8 teach us about serving together and being rewarded individually?
    - We are on the same _____, but each believer will be rewarded _____ according to their own labor.
- What foundation for life and ministry does every believer have?
    - _____ _____ - the only foundation. (3:11)
- What are your options in life & ministry?
    - Build with _____, _____, and _____ _____, or with _____, _____, and _____. We should take heed _____ we build—not simply how much we do. (3:10–12)
- What will be the result of Christ's evaluation at the Judgment Seat?
    - Work that endures will receive _____. Work that is burned will result in _____ of _____. (3:13–15)
- What is guaranteed with all this?
    - The believer's _____ _____. Even if his work is burned, "he himself will be saved." (3:15)

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2. _____. (Revelation 4 & 5)

- **Regarding the 24 elders, we see from Revelation 4:4 that…**

  1) They are in _____.

  2) They are sitting on _____.

  3) They are called _____.

  4) They are clothed in _____ _____.

  5) They have on _____ of gold.

- **What else does Revelation tell us? (Rev. 5:8-10)**

  1) They have been _____ by Christ's blood.

  2) They are _____ and _____.

  3) They shall _____ on the earth.

- **Who can't the 24 elders be?**

  1) _____. (5:11)

  2) Seraphims (living _____). (5:11)

  3) Tribulation _____. (7:11-14)

- **Who are the 24 elders?**

They are representatives of the _____ _____.

  1) Because of Christ's _____ to the church. (Revelation 3:22; 3:5; 2:10)

  2) Because Old Testament Saints are not _____ until _____.

- **What will the Church be doing in Heaven?**

  1) The church in heaven will be _____ Jesus Christ. (Revelation 5:12-14)

- **Why does Revelation 5 indicate that the Lamb (Jesus Christ) is *worthy* of all that worship?**

  1) Because the One who will reign as the _____ first came as the _____.

  2) We are worshiping the One who _____ us and _____ Himself for us.

- **What does this mean for you as an unbeliever?**

  1) Your eternal future with Christ begins by _____ in Jesus Christ alone, who fully paid the penalty for your sins and rose again. Salvation is God's _____, received through faith.

- **Why does Revelation 5 indicate that the Lamb (Jesus Christ) is *worthy* of all that worship?**

1) Our secure future with Christ should encourage us to _____ Him today, serve in dependence on the _____ _____, and live for His _____.

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